LIFE AT SEA WITH "GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH."

Sunday Republic Representative Describes Voyage of Circus Steamer From Dunquerque to New York-"Freaks" and Performers of Various Accomplishments Occupied Ship's Cabins—Wild Animals Were Quartered Below Decks-"Half Man" Proved to Be An Excellent Sailor.



Receive for the sunday results of the supplementation of the sunday received in character and bedividuality as those who—and which—cellvened the passage to New York of a gunday Republic representative.

From between decks came the noises of the jungle and the woods, while on deck and in the cabins were displayed some of the oddest exhibits of humanity ever seen together outside a canyas roof.

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"circus steamer."
The "Greatest Show on Eearth," with

wild animals enough below decks to populate a jungle and a cabin full of "freaks" and performers of various accomplishments, rolled along merrily for ten days.

On the last Sunday in October the populations

treback riders danced their last turns bout the rings to the inspiring strains of tome Sweet Home."

Home, Sweet Home." The date of sailing had been fixed for Ocber 30, but this was to reckon without the Difficulties multiplied

A week before an unusually violent strike ad broken out among the dockmen of The first circus men on the dock were

carried away bodily by the strikers.

The town had been placed under martial law and the streets were decorated with The docks were guarded by wicked-look-

In torpedo-boats.

The circus was only permitted to pass through the town under a formidable cavai As it turned out, the only utility of the

troops was to lend a very pleasant an The cabin carge, of performers of varied accomplishments and the side shows of freaks," was the first to go aboard.

The world renowned wild men of Borneo were ied up the steep pangway, the Siamese twins, arm in arm, following.

The half man, the dwarfs, the glants and the What Is It? were all loaded in safety. ne sixty cages of animals were next

taken to the ship, holsted precariously over the side, a height of sixty feet, and lowered to their berths below. The work was necessarily very slow and to their berths below.

The work was necessarily very slow and noisy. Acres of canvas were got on board, with hundreds of tons of circus miscellany.

Meanwhile the "led stock"—the camels, zebras, llamas and a hundred others—were led, walking two by two, to the ship's side and up the long gangway.

To find to let that a dozen samps more outside get in, and as many more which were inside get out and go about their business.

It was announced that the blockade would not be raised until the fog lifted.

It was not until nearly twenty-four hours later that the fourth seaport of France research from this irritating form of the

led, walking two by two, to the ship's side and up the long gangway.

Drilled by Ibny experience in circus parades, they wheeled like soldiers, going aboard without the least objection.

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complete.

A swarm of "paddles"—which is French
for the tugboat—went alongside and hitched
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themselves to the great liner.

A few minutes later the pilot was
dropped, a great ribbon of black smoke was DIFFICULTIES MEASURED BY TONS.

The large elephants defied all such means, and had to be coaxed into stout wooden cages—it took two hours to load one animal

and they were hoisted by a huge floating derrick.

Once arrived they were placed on the forward deck, when they formed a picture sque and noisy little settlement throughout the

On the last Sunday in October the popu-tion of the world of canvas and sawdust hade its last bow at Dunquerque to a purpopean audience.

The clowns cracked their last jokes, the The clowns cracked their last jokes, the The clowns cracked their last jokes, the last of the elephonts got aboard than an all pervading English fog blew in from the Channel.

It held undisputed possession of the har-

for two days.

Once, on the following day, the fog lifted somewhat and an effort was made to get to

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The huge 627-foot hull was swung very slowly about and headed for the narrow slowly about and headed for the harrow. lock which forms the entrance to the har-

Flags were waved, whistles blew and the elephants trumpeted a joyous farewell.
Standing on the forward deck the Armless Wonder waved his nat wildly with one foot and shouted: "And the next stop will be Houston

But he was mistaken.

But he was mistaken.
The lock opening on the English Channel
allowed the Minneapolis twelve feet clearance, but six feet margin on either side.
The great steamer had slipped into the
passage, a very long cork in the very narrow neck of the harbor, when the fog again
settled down and all but hid the shore, six
feet distant. For the rest of the day and night the ancient and important harbor of Dunquer-que was completely blockaded, corked, scaled to the outer world.

NEW AMERICAN BLOCKADE. After an interval of several hours an official respendent in gold lace called:
He presented his distinguished compliments and requested the Minneapolis to get out of the way and stop blocking the harbor and to let half a dozen ships which

covered from this irritating form of the American invasion. Finally, at 16 o'clock on the morning of October 3, the gates of the lock were

pany.

Roman charloteers, dressed in yachting costumes, chatted pleasantly with Japanese wrestlers, Chinese jugglers and Yankee trick

riders.

A score of clowns—they are very serious—looking people in real life—strolled about amicably with the ringmasters who crack harmiess whips at them so viciously in the rings.

It was the most democratic, joillest, sociable snip's company imaginable.

The delightful monotony of life at saa is much the same on a circus ship as on any other.

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The voyage was comparatively uneventful. A baby zebu was born and great preparations were made for christening it "Minneapolis," after the ship, but it unlucklip died and was buried at sea.

Several of the exphants became unruly, but were soon brought to terms by the ramous ship water cure.

They were uncovered in their positions on the forward deck, and the sea, which was running high, was allowed to break over them throughout the night.

It could their tempers considerably.

The seasickness which was so much dreaded for the wild animals proved not to be serious.

The season of the wild animals proved by the season of the old hippopotamus, which weathered every storm above decks, was the first to succumb. He refused to eat, buried his head in the form of his cage and would not be com-

He refused to eat, buried his head in the straw of his cage and would not be comforted.

About one-third of the animals came as near being seasick as to lose their appetites and take on that unmistakable forlorn expression of the victim of mal de mer.

CAT ANIMALS SUFFERED LEAST.
One of the trainers explained that the hippopotamus, with his short neck, was naturally a poorer sailor than the giraffe, for instance, with ten or fifteen feet of neck between his somach and mouth.

The cat animals, judging from their appetites, suffered least.

Before selling from Dunquerque more than a ton of fresh meat was shipped for the consumption of these animals alone.

They consumed about the pounds of meat a day, in portions ranging from five to twenty or thirty pounds each.

The long tiers of wild animals stowed away below d cks required quite as much waiting upon as the passengers in the cabins.

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The animals quartered on deck, for example, began the day, like other passengers, with a salt bath.

They bathed early, at 5, when the decks were being scrubbed down.

The polar bear and the hippopotamus traveled in cages provided with tanks, which served as bath tuba.

The water was turned on through a three-inch hose and played over the animals for fifteen or twenty minutes.

The animals enjoyed it immensely, sidling up to the nozzle of the hose and shaking the water from their coats, with every evidence of satisfaction.

The hippo's toilet was never complete until his keeper bad entered his cage and carefully washed his massive countenance by a vigorous scrubbing with a brush, soap and water.

This beauty bath was taken every morning.

ing.

But it was in the cabins and on the decks that the circus could be studied to the best advantage at short range.

Every portion of the deck, if the weather were fine, was a side snow in itself well worth a special admission.

Never before have the decks of the liner housed such a company. sed such a company. One of the first of the "freaks" to appear on deck each morning was the more active of the "Wild Men of Borneo."

He always appeared with his keeper and took his exercise regularly by waking up and down the deck, his companion holding him tight, meanwhile, by the hand.

In his native wilderness he appears very wild, indeed, but while passing the ship's deck, clad in the latest of London overcoats, with an Astrakhan collar, he somehow looked less formidable.

The Indian dia so, and the court pronounced the sentence of the law upon him as above stated.

An interpreter repeated the sentence to Bear, who, in response to a question as to Washington Nov. 29.—Madame Wu, wife of the Chinese Minister, will remain at the celling.

Mr. Hughes pushed the belt off. The girl had in the bones of her arm and wrist broken.

Maic. Wa Will Visit California.

Washington Nov. 29.—Madame Wu, wife of the Chinese Minister, will remain at the legation here several weeks. She will go to California to spend a few weeks in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

At the close of her stay in the latter city Madame Wu will sail for China on the Korea.

to the language and their reputation is world-wide.

long. He walks on his hands and this single The walks on his hands and this single foot.

His three supports it will be seen, form a triped, which the acutest motion of the ship could not disturb.

There is a great convenience in being a hair man on shipboard.

Most persons have to stoop awkwardly to talk to any one in a steamer chair.

The "Haif Man's" head came on a convenient level for such conversations.

verient level for such convirsations.

The "freaks" occupied a special table in the cabin, where they are their meals, possibly with awkwardness, but certainly with relish.

The "Siamese Twins" occupied a single seat at the table, but were nevertheless served with two portions.

The steward who waited upon them found the task somewhat complicated, although, as he afterward explained, their mastes were remarkably allke.

"Zip," the "What Is It?" sat next to the twins, and was soon discovered to possess an appetite there could be no question about.

about.
The "Half Man" was lifted to a chair at each meal, and during rough weather was tied securely in his seat.
He was served always with full portions. The "Armless Wonder" was seated at the same table where, three times a day, regularly, he gave a remarkable exhibition of esting with his feet.
Taken all together it was a scene which would have commanded the usual side show fee in any community.

"ARMLESS WONDER" ACTIVE.
The "Armless Wonder" was, besides, an active man throughout the trip, walking the decks quite as much as any one and with the greatest apparent ease.
No side show audience has probably ever seen the "Armless Man" give an exhibition so interesting as his pacing the deck while a storm was rating.

While most of the passengers required both arms and feet to keep themselves upright, the "Armless Wonder" would walk about steadily, occasionally grasping a rail with one foot as the ship rolled, but never losing his balance.

The most important feat of the "Armless Man." however, was his learning on the second day out to play poker with his feet.
He had remarkable luck.

The suggestion of one of the clowns that he had nothing up his sleave only made his success seem the more remarkable.

The "Human Telescope," the "Bearded Lagy," the "Dog-Faced Boy," the "Elastic Skin Man." with his drawn face; the "Sword Swallower" were all present, and proved to be excellent sallors. The "Half Man" was lifted to a chair at

INDIAN WANTS TO BE HANGED. Great Bear Says He Deserves the Death Sentence.

Sioux Falis, Nov. 29.—George Bear, an In-dian, will be hanged here on Friday, De-

The jury impaneled to try the case of the United States vs. George Bear, a Brule Sioux Indian, indicted for the murder of h.s stepson, John Shaw, and C. Edward Taystepson, John Shaw, and C. Edward Tayloe, a school teacher at Ponca Subagency, on the Rosebud Reservation, last summer, dediberated only a short time before returning a verdict of guility as charged, and fixing the penalty at death.

Immediately after the jury had announced tits verdict Judge John E. Carland told George Bear to arise.

The Indian di. so, and the court pronounced the sentence of the law upon him as above stated.

An interpreter repeated the sentence to Bear, who, in response to a question as to whether he had anything to say, responded:

"It is what I needed. I am glad I got it."

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to poison her three small children, has reached here. Laudanum was administered to the little ones, but their danger was dis-covered in time to save them. Mrs. Stokes also took laudanum, but failing to kill her-self, she cut her throat.

WANT GERMAN TAUGHT.

Parents of Pupils Resent Abolition of Study of the Language.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
College Point, Long Island, Nov. 29.—The people of College Point, irrespective of nationality, are greatly wrought up over the abolition of German studies in the public school of this place. When the village was mersed into Greater New York this branch of study was abolished, but subsequently was reintroduced in certain grades through the efforts of Commissioner Anton Schultheis, who was at that time the local representative in the Queens Borough School Beard. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

hets, who was at that time the local representative in the Queens Borough School Board.

The results obtained by the German classes have been very gratifying, and just why the study was dispensed with is not known. Mr. Schuithels is in receipt of a letter in which State Superintendent Maxwell is quoted as saying that the German tuition was not abalished by his direction. On the contrary, word was received by him to the effect that there was no desire for the German studies in College Point, because the children had manifested so little interest in them. Mr. Maxwell, however, feels that he has been misinformed in this matter, and will make a personal investigation with a view of ascertaining whether this branch of study is desirable or not. Out of a total attendance of 109 in four grades, eighty-eight children took German lessons until a few weeks ago, when the subject was discontinued.

There is a general demand for German instruction in the College Point School, and there is a movement on foot to induce the school authorities to rescind their action and have the language taught as before.

ROCKEFFILER A FIREMAN.

ROCKEFELLER A FIREMAN. Elected an Honorary Member of the Tarrytown Brigade.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Tarrytown, N. Y., Nov. 29.—At a meeting of the North Tarrytown Fire Patrol John

D. Rockefeller was elected an honorary member of that company.

Mr. Rockefeller recently gave to each fire company \$50 for its work at the fire which destroyed his home at Pocantico Hills. In appreciation of the gift the company elected Mr. Rockefeller an honorary member and the secretary has been ordered to notify Mr. Rockefeller of his election.

It is said that Mr. Rockefeller is annoyed at the trouble caused by his gift to the Tarrytown Fire Department, where the two companies who responded to the alarm say they should have the money, while the rest of the department argues that it should be divided. The matter has been referred back to Mr. Rockefeller for adjustment, but it is believed he will not make any decision in the matter, but let the companies fight it out.

Governess Wius Suit.

New York, Nov. 29.—airs, Kathleen B. Gannon has been awarded a verdict of 21.
231 in her suit against John Goodwin for 32.
000 camages for an attack alleged to have been committed by the milinonaire sik merchant at his Summer home in the Catskills while she was employed as governess for his 6-year-old son.

New York, Nov. 22.—Miss Susie Street, 17.
employed by the R. W. Hughes steam hundry on Church street, New Brunswick, caught her left arm in a belt attached to the machinery and was whirled to the calling

VOLCANIC ERUPTION COVERS OCEAN LINER WITH DUST.

Luxor Steamed for Nearly Two Hundred Miles Up Pacific Coast in a Heavy Shower.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—The Kosmos liner Luxor, which was covered with ashes from the voiceano of Santa Maria while lying in the harbor of Santa Maria while lying in the harbor of San Benito, arrived in port from San Diego. All the way up the coast the crew have been engaged in washing the ashes from the deck and rigging. In the hold of the vessel are twenty sacks filled with ashes which were shoveled from the deck. The ash is white and resembles powdered pumice stone.

In telling of the strange experience Captain Henry Zimmerman of the Luxor said: "We were discharsing freight at San Benito when the shower of ashes fell upon us from the skies. I was standing on deck and suddenly beheld a black cloud sweeping from the land. At first I thought it was a windstorm, but when the heavens began to grow darker and darker I was puzzled to account for the phenomenon. At 11 o'clock the entire sky was overcast, and at noon we were shrouded in intense darkness. White ashes sifted to the decks and then began to fall so thickly that it seemed like a snowstorm. The decks were soon covered and the ashes began to pile up against the masts. Alarmed at the downpour, passengers rushed on deck and begged me to put to sea. I was deaf to their entreatles, as I felt no alarm. When the shower showed no signs of abating I finally hauled up ancher REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

WILLIAM F. HOMES. H. J. DIEKN President Secretary.
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MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. Henry C. Haustick, J. B. C. Lucas, M. R. Orthwein, J. D. D. Walker, Augustus Nedderhut, Jaz. W. Bell, Wm. F. Homes,

and put to sea without clearance papers. The ash continued to fall to our decks when we were 189 miles from San Benito.

"When Salina Cruz was reached the ash ceased falling and we saw the light of day. The Luxor looked as if she had passed through a snowstorm. Her masts and rigging were covered with white power and the decks were under a foot of ash. We were told that the ashes came from Santa Maria, but they may have come from the volcano of Cerro Jeumano, which is nearer the coast.

The Luxor is the first vessel to touch at Ocos, Guatemala, since the destruction of the piler by a recent tidal wave. The wharf, which was the finest on the Central American coast, was broken in two pieces by the tidal wave which swept the coast.

The officers of the Luxor state that since the tidal wave the depth of water in the barbor at Ocos has increased from 5 to 7 fathoms. The beach has been destroyed and the buildings are now at the water's edge. The course of the river at Ocos has been diverted until it now enters the harbor close to the town.

The Frisco System trains leaving St.

The Frisco System trains leaving St. Louis at 8:35 p. m. daily carry sleepers and chair cars through without change to Houston and Galveston, Tex.



